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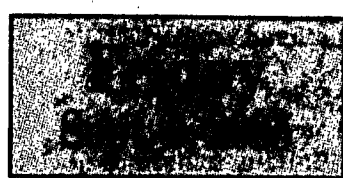
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Barbour, MEMA set up hurricane relief fund

Gov. Haley Barbour's Office and the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency have set up the Mississippi Hurricane Relief Fund Call Center for anyone wishing to donate money, goods, and services. For these contributions, please call 1-866-230-8903 or local 601-981-1247.

Hancock Medical Center message

Hancock Medical Center is currently open under limited operations for cleaning and repair purposes only. The cleanup process is expected to last about two weeks.

The following employees should report to work immediately: Department managers; all maintenance staff; housekeeping staff. Employees registered for electronic deposit will have their paychecks deposited Friday.

Paychecks not electronically deposited can be picked up Friday at the Hancock Bank located on Hwy. 90 in Bay St. Louis.

Bay St. Louis Schools employee checks

Bay St. Louis School District Employees who are paid by paper check may pick up checks in the parking lot of the Bay St. Louis Police Station, 310 Old Spanish Trail, from 9 to 11 a.m. and from 2 to 4 p.m. beginning Tuesday, Sept. 6 through Saturday, Sept. 10.

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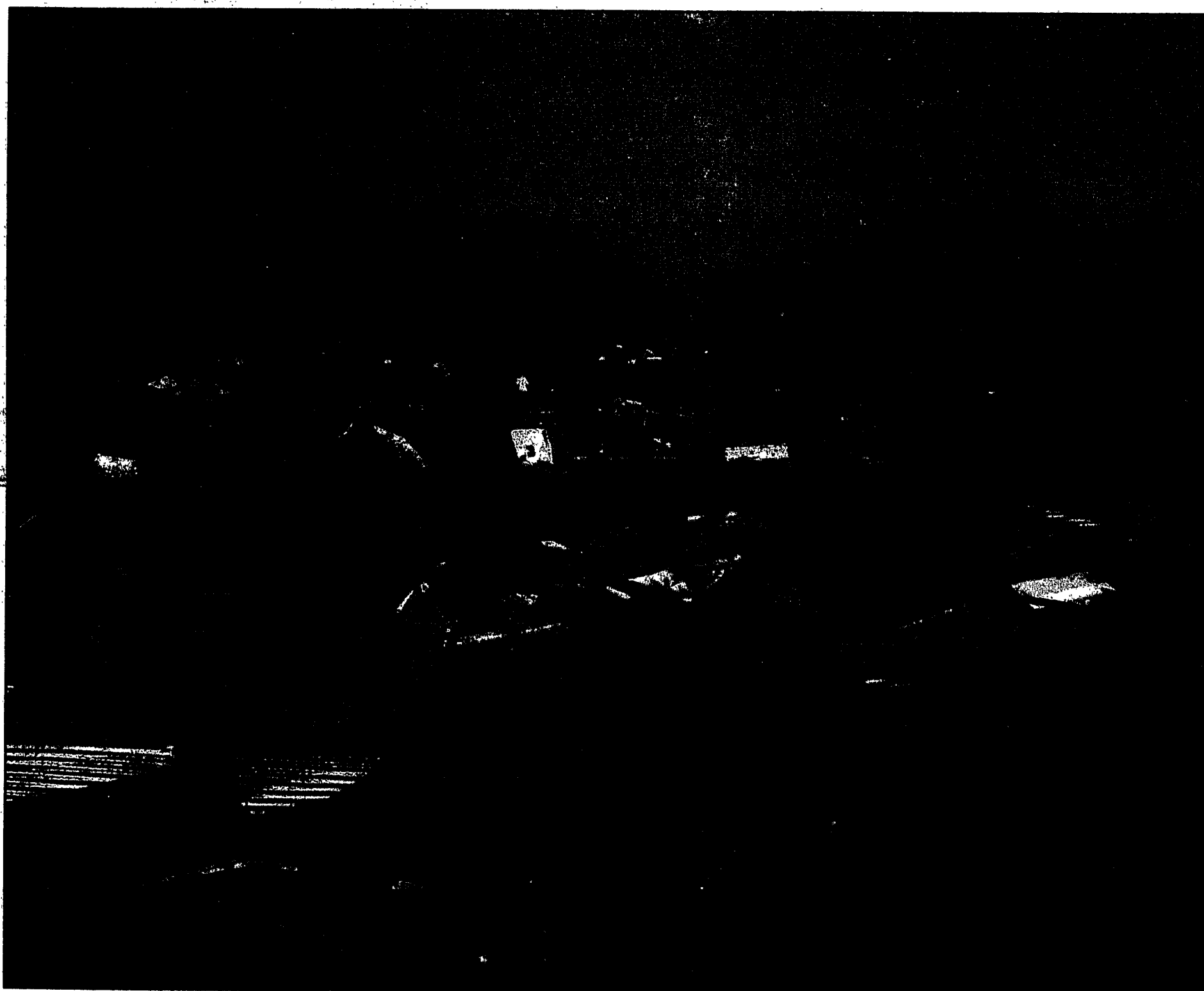
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Coping with Katrina



Coleman Ave. in Waveland the day after Hurricane Katrina ravished the Mississippi Gulf Coast, destroying much of the property south of the railroad tracks from Ansley to Black.

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'We can build it better ... together'

Recovery, relief efforts well under way in wake of Katrina

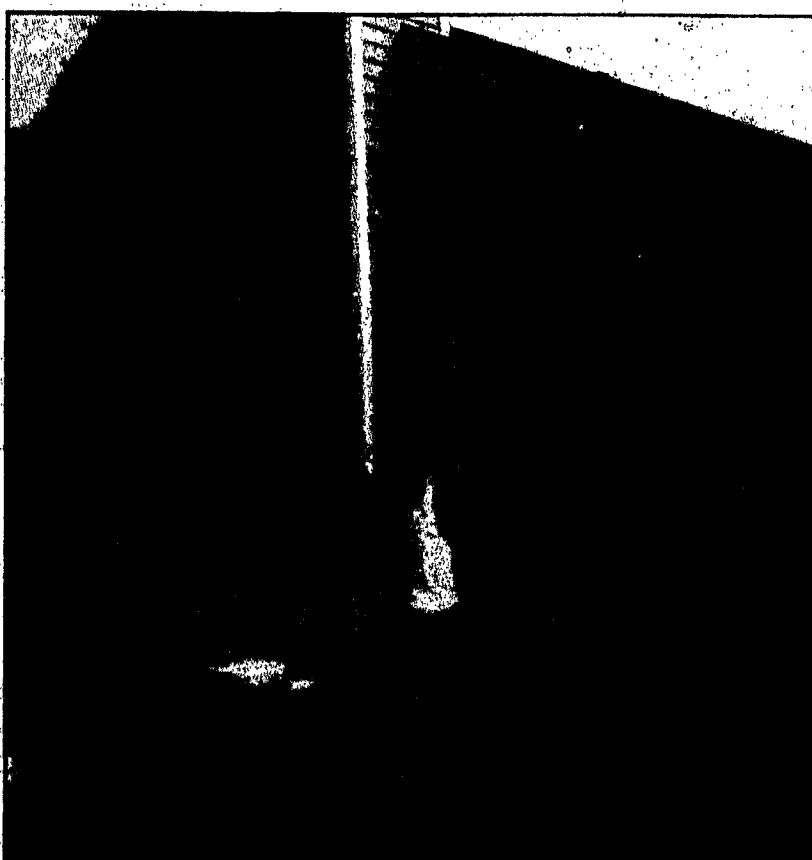
BY GEOFF BELCHER
News Editor

Although miles of devastation, a rising death toll and regular military patrols of its skies and streets in the wake of Hurricane Katrina may make Hancock County now more closely resemble downtown Baghdad, officials say brighter days are ahead. "Leo Seal came in with a vision," Hancock Chancery Clerk said Thursday at the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) set up at Hancock High School.

Tim Keller

"He's that visionary type of person who says we can build it better. We have to do it together, though. We can't do it

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Waveland resident Brian McIntosh takes a break from salvaging his possessions on Sunday, Sept. 4. Hurricane Katrina caused the water to rise four feet in his Spanish Cove home. The wall was kicked out in case the water continued to rise after his family retreated to the attic.

Echo staff photo by Jess Ponder

Hancock County schools plan to reopen Sept. 29; Bay St. Louis-Waveland, Nov. 1

BY JOHN FEW
Staff Writer

One of the most pressing questions asked by parents in the aftermath of Katrina is, what to do about their child's education. According to reports, the Bay St. Louis-Waveland School District has not set an official date for reporting, but has set a goal for Nov. 1. The Hancock County School District hopes to bring all employees back September 27 and 28 and then begin holding classes September 29.

Campuses throughout Hancock County sustained considerable damage and some have been utilized in the relief efforts.

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Police Chief Roberto Fulgueira of Sweetwater tosses a pack of bottled water to a waiting police officer. In the background, Mayor Xavier M. Garcia of Miami Springs unloads more water.

Hurricane relief supplies coming from across nation

BY JACE PONDER
Staff Writer

Help has poured into Hancock County in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. Individuals and groups from across the nation have sent food, water, clothes, and other items to assist in the recovery of the areas affected by the killer storm.

One group had a close connection with Katrina. On its path to the Mississippi Gulf Coast, the

eye passed directly over the Miami-Dade County, FL. The day after the storm passed through Florida, County Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz spearheaded a countywide relief effort.

With the help of elected officials from the cities of Medley, Miami Springs, Virginia Gardens, Hialeah Gardens, Sweetwater, and Doral along with the state attorney and the Miami-Dade School Police, he col-

lected relief materials to fill over 13 tractor trailers.

His convoy consisting of 30 vehicles and 70 men traveled for two days before arriving in Hancock County on Wednesday.

They dropped goods at Fred's parking lot in Waveland and Winn Dixie parking lot in Bay St. Louis. Commissioner Diaz is considering a run for mayor of Miami.

Hurricane Katrina impacts more than 270 state schools

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Preliminary data collected by the Mississippi Department of Education indicates that Hurricane Katrina has impacted 271 schools in 44 districts, representing nearly 160,000 students.

"Katrina has devastated the education community," said Dr. Hank M. Bounds, State Superintendent of Education. "We are aware that we have completely lost some schools and many schools have experienced significant damage on the coast and well inland also. We are keeping all of those impacted by Hurricane Katrina in our thoughts and prayers and we stand ready to assist each of you with disaster relief efforts."

Due to the tragedy, many schools will be unable to open for weeks and even months. The Coast has been decimated by this unprecedented disaster.

"Of course, the Department of Education's focus for the foreseeable

future is to help our schools and communities recover from this disaster," said Dr. Bounds.

The Department will train and equip teams to provide disaster assistance. After contacting superintendents to determine what type of assistance is necessary, Department personnel stand ready to assist districts to the fullest extent.

"We are communicating with every school district in the state to assess the availability of needed resources that may be able to be redirected on a temporary basis to the impacted areas," said Dr. Bounds.

"The list will include everything from desks to buses. In addition, access to fuel has reached almost a panic level in many parts of the state. I am also aware that there are districts in Texas and other sister states that are mobilizing to gather supplies and plan to adopt local schools in Mississippi."

Many families will be dislocated during the com-

ing weeks and months and will be living with friends and relatives across the state.

"I am sure that all school districts will be happy to accommodate displaced families and their children during this crisis situation," said Dr. Bounds.

The law provides that the Mississippi Board of Education may issue a waiver to a district that is unable to make up the required 187 day for teachers and 180 days for students if the governor or the president has declared the school district's community a disaster area. Each district will be assisted based on their particular needs and situation.

"Many agencies and organizations are working together around the clock to provide assistance and relief efforts to the areas effected by this disaster," said Dr. Bounds. "Again, it will be our mission to help our schools and students in every possible way."

Post-storm safety precautions

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The Hancock County Hurricane Katrina Recovery effort has issued a statement urging health and safety.

Prevent Electrocutings:

NEVER handle or work near a down power line. NEVER work on or clear brush near a downed power line. When using gasoline and diesel generators to supply power to a building, switch the main breaker or fuse on the service panel to the "off" position prior to starting the generator.

People cleaning up after the storm face injury hazards. To prevent injuries use a hard hat, goggles, heavy work gloves, work boots or other protective gear.

Prevent Poisoning:

Carbon Monoxide — This is a gas that you can not see or smell that is poisonous to breathe.

All gasoline-powered equipment like generators, pumps, and pressure washers make this gas and should only be operated outside where there is good ventilation.

Snakes, Insects and other Animals:

Bees, wasps, fire ants, snakes and other animals as much as possible. Be cautious in moving items where animals could be hiding. Avoid touching dead animals. Report any dead animals or live strays to the Hancock County EOC at 493-32219.

Preventing Illness

All of Hancock County is under a boil water notice. All non-bottled water must be treated before using including well water. If you must use tap water, bring it to a rolling boil for one full minute. Otherwise, for drinking purposes place 8 drops of unscented household bleach per gallon and leave undisturbed for 30

minutes.

IMPORTANT: Do not use contaminated water to wash dishes, brush your teeth, wash and prepare food or make ice. All standing water is dangerous since it is probably contaminated and can become electrified.

Food Related Illness:

Throw away any food that came in contact with floodwater, including canned foods that are bulging, opened or damaged and any food in containers with screw caps, snap-lids, twist caps, flip tops and crimped cap (soda pop bottles). Throw away food that has an unusual odor, color or texture. Throw away perishable foods (including meat, poultry, fish eggs and left overs) that have been above 40 degrees Fahrenheit (F) for 2 hours or more. These all could be contaminated.

Injuries:

If you have wounds, you should be evaluated for a tetanus immunization, just as you would at any other time of injury. This includes any deep cuts and puncture wounds.

West Nile Virus (WNV):

After a hurricane, mosquitoes will breed in standing water. The easiest and best way to avoid WNV is to prevent mosquito bites.

• If available, use insect repellents containing DEET (N, N-diethyl-meta-toluamide) or Picaridin.

• Mosquitoes are most active at dusk and dawn. If you must be outside wear long sleeves and pants during these times.

Reduce Risk of Heat-Related Illness:

While cleaning up after the hurricane, reduce heat-related risks by resting frequently and:

• Drinking a glass of fluid every 15 to 20 minutes if possible.

• Wearing light-colored, loose-fitting clothing if available.

• Working during the cooler hours of the day.

Prevent Fatigue-Related Injuries:

Continued long hours of work, combined with exhaustion, can create a highly stressful situation during the cleanup. People working on hurricane and flood cleanup can reduce their risks of injury and illness in several ways:

• Set priorities for cleanup tasks and pace the work. Avoid physical exhaustion.

• Resume a normal sleep schedule as quickly as possible.

• Be alert to emotional exhaustion or strain. Consult family members, friends or professionals for emotional support.

Be Aware of Structural Instability:

Buildings that have been submerged or have withstood rushing floodwaters may have sustained hidden structural damage and could be dangerous or unstable.

• Be aware that flood-damaged buildings may collapse.

• Assume all stairs, floors and roofs are unsafe.

• Leave immediately if shifting or unusual noises signal a possible collapse.

Avoid Hazardous Materials:

Floodwaters can dislodge tanks, drums, pipes and equipment.

• Do not attempt to move unidentified containers because they may contain hazardous materials such as pesticides or propane.

• If you come in contact with pesticides or other hazardous chemicals, thoroughly wash exposed skin areas with water immediately.

EOC asks Hancock County residents to separate debris

BY JOHN FEW
Staff Writer

Piles of debris have been accumulating across Hancock County. Damaged refrigerators, water soaked carpet, spoiled food, shattered boards and once precious possessions now line the curbs in growing mounds. The Hancock County recovery effort has requested that residents organize their debris in four categories.

According to a recovery update released Wednesday by the Hancock County Emergency Management, debris brought to the curb must be separated by their type: woody debris, construction debris, white goods (such as stoves, refrigerators and other appli-

ances), and hazardous waste.

Woody debris includes items such as trees and bushes. Construction debris includes concrete, plywood, shingles, lumber, etc. White goods includes appliances like refrigerators and air conditions. The fourth cate-

gory, hazardous waste, includes items such as household chemicals, paints and oils.

Waste Management began pickups for trash Wednesday and debris removal should begin within a few days.

Power company urges 3rd party inspection after flood

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The power company says that if water caused by the storm surge is above the sockets, you must sign a release before having your

power turned back on.

If the flooding occurred above the breaker, you must have an electrician inspect your property before power will be restored.



A chihuahua stands guard over an empty house in Lakeshore. Report any stray or dead animals to the animal control officer at the Emergency Operations Center at 493-3219.

DISASTER ASSISTANCE

If you sustained losses or damage you may be eligible for disaster aid

CALL: 1-800-621-FEMA (3362)

When you apply for disaster assistance please have the following available:

- Social Security Number (including spouse)
- Private insurance information, if available
- Address and zip code of the damaged property
- Directions to the damaged home or property
- Daytime telephone number

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On The Web: www.fema.gov
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Disaster recovery assistance is available without regard to race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, economic status or retaliation. If you or someone you know has been discriminated against, contact FEMA at 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) TTY: 1-800-462-7585. If suspicious of any abuse of FEMA programs please contact the fraud hotline at 1-800-323-8603.

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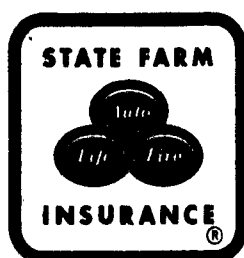
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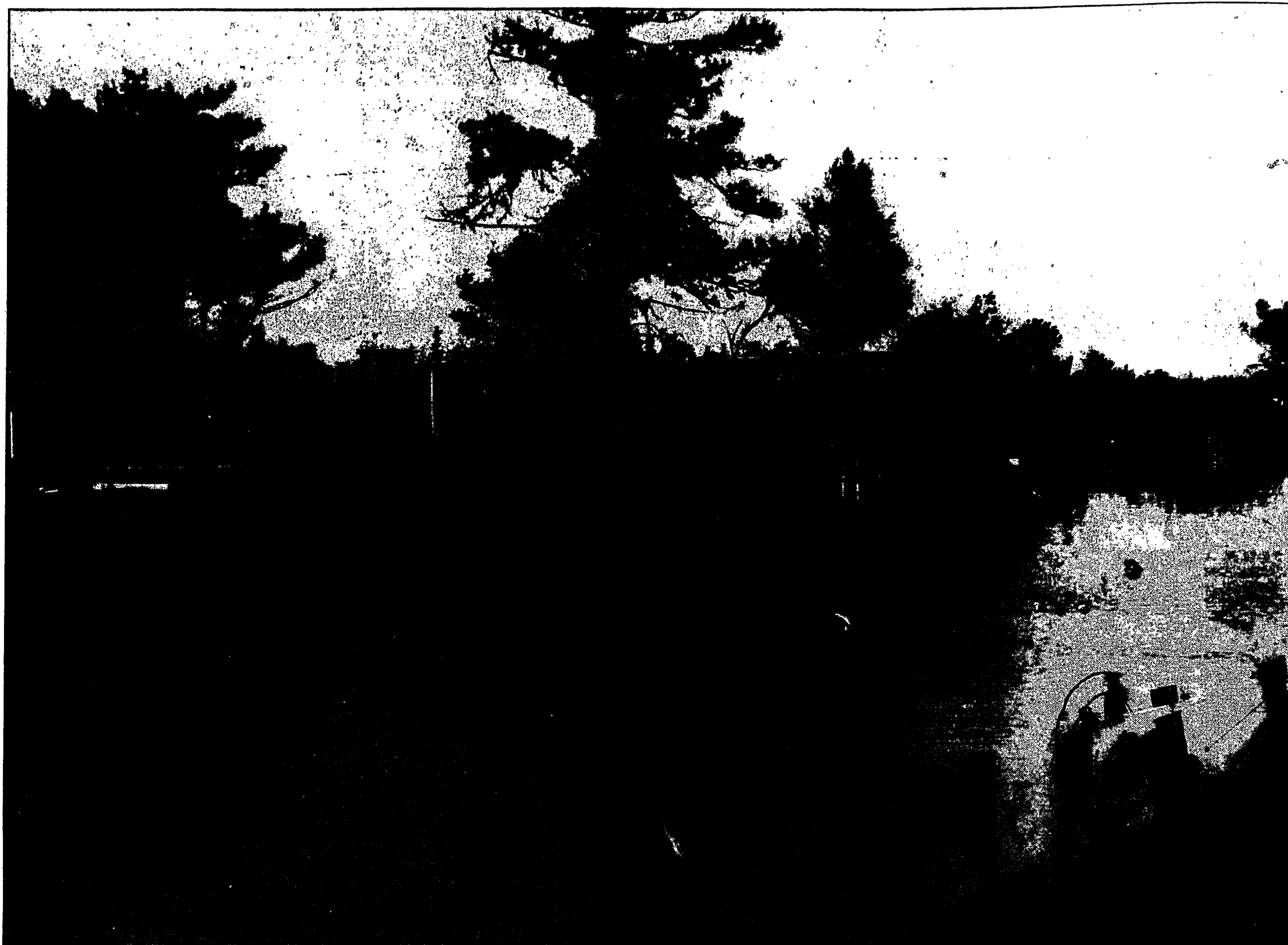
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The Clermont Harbor area suffered near total devastation when Hurricane Katrina swept through with 130 mph winds and a 35-foot tidal surge.

Echo staff photo by Jesse Ponder

U.S. Postal Service mission remains 'reconnecting lives through the mail'

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In continuing efforts to respond to the crisis caused by Hurricane Katrina, the US Postal Service is striving to "help customers reestablish connection with their lives through the mail," according to Mississippi District Manager James A. Daily.

"We need evacuated customers to file change of address cards," said Daily.

"We need them to let us know where they are and how their loved ones can reach them by mail."

Filing can be done three ways:

- Online at www.usps.com
- In person at any post office, station, or branch

By phone at 1-800-ASK

USPS (1-800-275-8777) Daily said the Postal Service has received over 60,000 change of address cards nationally, "but we know there are more people who still don't have an address where they can be reached from the areas hit by the hurricane."

SS checks available at designated sites until Sept. 16.

The Social Security Administration has authorized the US Postal Service to deliver checks to customers with proper identification through Friday, September 16.

Atlanta Regional Social Security Administration Director Paul D. Barnes con-

firmed the extension in a faxed message to Mississippi District Manager James A. Daily at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday.

"Many residents of this area are just getting an opportunity to venture from their homes or return to the area to handle important business," said Barnes. "This service would be greatly appreciated and would help us assist persons most affected by Hurricane Katrina."

Daily said he would be happy to comply with the extended deadline for receipt of Social Security checks at established postal sites.

"We want as many people as possible to get their checks, take care of their immediate needs and begin to reconnect to their lives through the mail."

These checks can be picked up from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the location designated below for their respective ZIP Code area:

- Gulfport Larkin Smith Mail, 11110 Hwy. 49, Gulfport, MS 39503; Kiln 39556; Pearlinton 39572; Lakeshore 39558; Waveland 39576; Pass Christian 39571; Bay St. Louis 39520 and 39525.

* Customers located in the Perkinston 39573 will be able to pick up their first-of-the-month checks at their local Post Office.

Pickup of outgoing mail in the 395 ZIP code area will be provided at the Larkin Smith facility in Gulfport and the Gulfport Processing Plant, 10285 Corporate Drive.

U.S. Postal Service employees

If you have telephone service, please call the Toll-Free national employee service hotline at 1-877-477-3273 to let the U.S.P.S. know how you are and to get the latest news.

If you can not call, personally are located within the 395 ZIP code area, call 11110 Hwy. 49, Gulfport, MS 39503-9998, or Gulfport Plant, 10285 Corporate Dr., Gulfport, MS 39503-9997.



Members of the National Guard interact with citizens in the Lakeshore community on Wednesday.

Echo staff photo by Jesse Ponder

Forty-two confirmed dead in Hancock County from storm

**BY JOHN FEW
Staff Writer**

Tragically, Katrina caused many deaths in the Hancock County area, but emergency management officials are hopeful the death toll will not reach into the hundreds as previously feared.

Thursday, the death toll in Hancock County was officially listed at 42, but the Hancock County Emergency Management Agency is needing anyone with missing relatives to fill out a missing persons form. "So far we have 22 people listed as missing," said Tim Kellar, public information officer for the Hancock County

EOC. "The numbers being this low is a good sign, but we're still working on getting an accurate count on who is still missing."

During the past week, relatives have been locating missing loved ones, staying with friends or neighbors, in area shelters and spread across other cities throughout the United States.

The inability to communicate and the images of sheer devastation from ariel photographs in the aftermath of Katrina fueled a lot of fears that many hundreds of Hancock County residents died during the storm.

"It looked very grim right after the storm," said Kellar.

"I'm hoping the death toll stays under hundred."

A Family Assistance Center for reporting missing persons is now open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in front of Hancock County Medical Center.

Counselors with the American Red Cross will also be available.

The American Red Cross is launching a web site and hotline to assist family members who are seeking news about loved ones living in the path of Hurricane Katrina.

You can visit the "Family Links Registry" via www.redcross.org or call 1-800-LOVED-1S to register.

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Duluan Bosarge, owner of Duluan's Hair Design in Pearlington, cuts 9 year old Meranda Bennett's hair free of charge at the Pearlington Fire Department. Bosarge lost most of her personal belongings at home, and a tree fell on her shop. The Bennett family lost everything.

Flood Insurance - What Consumers Need to Know

THE SEA COAST ECHO

Now that the wind and rain from Hurricane Katrina has subsided, many homeowners will soon be faced with the overwhelming task of returning to their homes only to find them water-logged and mud-filled due to excessive flooding.

While it will not be easy, there is much that can be done to make the recovery process smoother and to minimize further damage to property according to the Property Casualty Insurers Association of America (PCI).

HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE VS. FLOOD INSURANCE

A standard homeowners insurance policy provides financial protection against disasters by insuring the home itself and the things inside it.

Homeowners insurance is a package policy that covers both damage to property and the homeowners liability or legal responsibility for any injuries and damage to property caused on the premises.

While damage caused by most disasters is covered, there are a few exceptions including damage caused by a flood. This must be bought as a separate policy.

The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) is the primary source for flood insurance in the U.S. The often catastrophic nature of flooding has kept most insurers from writing flood coverage. The NFIP was established by Congress in 1968, in response to the rising cost of taxpayer funded disaster relief for flood victims and the increasing amount of damage caused by floods. The Mitigation Division, a component of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), manages the NFIP, and oversees the floodplain management and mapping components of the program. Nearly 20,000 communities across the United States and its territories participate in the NFIP by adopting and enforcing floodplain management ordinances to reduce future flood damage. In exchange, the NFIP makes federally backed flood insurance available to homeowners, renters and business owners in these communities. The "Write-Your-Own" (WYO) program was set up by FEMA to allow private insurers through their agents to write flood insurance policies. WYO insurers write the majority of the federally backed policies in the NFIP.

WHAT DOES FLOOD INSURANCE COVER?

Flood insurance covers direct physical losses by flood and losses resulting from flood-related erosion caused by waves or currents of water exceeding anticipated cyclical levels and accompanied by a severe

storm, flash flood, abnormal tide surge, or a similar situation which results in flooding.

The standard flood policy for homeowners covers structural damage, your air conditioner, furnace, water heater and cleanup associated with a flood. In addition, you can purchase coverage for the contents of your home as part of the flood policy.

Buildings are covered for replacement cost but coverage for personal possessions is available on an actual cash value basis only. Coverage for the contents of basements is limited and usually only covers a home's foundation elements and equipment that is necessary to support the structure (for example: furnace, water heaters, circuit breakers, etc.).

There is a 30-day waiting period before the coverage becomes effective.

STANDARD FLOOD INSURANCE POLICY FORMS

The NFIP offers three Standard Flood Insurance Policy Forms.

The policy type is determined by how a building is occupied. The three policy forms are:

The Dwelling Form insures residential structures and/or contents and individual residential condominium units.

Residential insurance for one-to four-family unit buildings and individual residential condominium units are written under the Dwelling Form and are eligible for up to \$250,000 in building coverage and up to \$100,000 on personal property coverage. On average, a homeowner policy costs about \$400 a year for around \$100,000 of coverage.

The General Property Form insures residential buildings of more than four families as well as non residential buildings (schools, churches and businesses, etc.). Residential buildings containing more than four units are written under the General Property Form and are eligible for up to \$250,000 in building coverage and up to \$100,000 on personal property.

Residential insurance may be purchased for building only, contents only or a combination of the two.

Non residential insurance, for properties like schools and commercial structures, are written under the General Property Form and are eligible for building coverage up to \$500,000 and \$500,000 on personal property. Like insurance for residential properties, coverage may be purchased for building only, contents only or a combination of these.

The Residential Condominium Building Association Policy Form (RCBAP) insures associations under the condominium form of ownership. Condominium associations

are written under RCBAP Form and are eligible for building coverage, which includes all units within the building (and improvements), up to \$250,000 times the number of units within the residential building. Personal property coverage is limited to \$100,000 per building.

The Preferred Risk Policy Form is a lower-cost option, for building and contents coverage on properties located in a lower risk areas. It is available for both residential and non residential properties.

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS AND COVERAGE

Increased Cost of Compliance (ICC) - ICC coverage helps pay for the increased costs to comply with State of Community floodplain management laws or ordinances after a flood, when the building has been declared substantially or repetitively damaged. Coverage can be applied to elevation, relocation, demolition or flood proofing (non residential only), up to \$30,000.

Debris and Loss Avoidance - the Standard Flood Insurance Policy (SFIP) also provides other types of flood insurance coverage, including debris removal and loss avoidance measures (like the cost of plywood and sandbags).

WHAT IF YOU DON'T HAVE FLOOD INSURANCE

Federal Disaster Assistance may be available in the form of grants and loans if a flood has been declared a federal disaster. People who receive Federal Disaster Assistance for a flooded building will need to obtain flood insurance, which is one of the requirements for federal grants and low-cost loans. They will also need to maintain the flood insurance for the life of the loan.

Due to the topography of New Orleans, the size of the storm surge and the heavy rains, much of the property damage caused by Katrina will be covered if you purchased flood insurance," said John Eager, senior director of claims for the PCI.

"Flood insurance is provided by the NFIP and largely administered through private insurance companies. In addition, the federal government will make funds available to FEMA to help rebuild properties damaged by Katrina."

PCI has spokespersons and subject matter experts available for print and broadcast interviews from Chicago-based studios. Please contact Danielle Clermont at 847-553-3714, danielle.clermont@pciaa.net to arrange an interview.

PCI is composed of more than 1,000 member companies, representing the broadest cross-section of insurers of any national trade association.

Things you need to know when re-building your home

THE SEA COAST ECHO

Permits and Licensing
Permits are a must. Anyone doing work in the City of Bay St. Louis must have a permit (at no charge) and be licensed either through the State of Mississippi or the Building Office.

This is being done for your safety and protections, not to hinder the recovery process. This is also necessary to enable the city to track damage for FEMA. Out of state contractors can be issued a temporary contractor license to work in the City of Bay St. Louis if qualified by the Bay St. Louis Building Official.

Temporary housing

Mayor Eddie Favre has instructed the Building Department to allow RV's and travel trailers on your home site to be installed and connected to electrical power by way of a temporary pole for six months while your home is being reconstructed.

A free permit is required from the Building Department. This permit may be extended if work is not completed at the end of six months provided work has begun. As trailers are provided by FEMA, these trailers will also be allowed to connect to power poles.

Watch out for contractors

During this trying time some people will try to take advantage of you and your family. Don't let it happen to you. Mayor Eddie Favre has waived all permit fees for those citizens trying to repair or rebuild. All contractors are required to obtain a permit from the Building Office to ensure they are licensed and qualified to do the work. Do not give contractors money in advance for materials or labor.

Contact Building Official Bill Carrigee for more information. The Building Office will be temporarily set up at the Old Train Depot on Blaize St.

Neighbors helping neighbors

OXYGEN REFILLS

Lincare continues to offer: 24 hour 7 day emergency service; daily tank delivery; liquid oxygen (requires no power); and battery operated portable nebulizers for breathing treatment.

Please call 228-861-3958, 228-861-1040, or 228-437-1049. Try all three numbers as cellular service is not consistent.

Lincare is located at 14231 Seaway Rd., Suite D2, Gulfport.

SHARE A PHONE WITH A FRIEND

Hancock County, Mississippi is encouraging churches, synagogues, and houses

of worship to participate in the "Share a Phone with a Friend Program." If a member of your congregation

has a working cell phone, please share it with a friend or neighbor.

SATELLITE PHONES

Satellite phone booths have been set up for people to contact loved ones, or file FEMA or insurance claims.

The phones are located at Second Street Elementary; East Hancock Elementary; and Hancock North Central Elementary.

Trailers for Katrina victims enroute

THE SEA COAST ECHO

Sen. Trent Lott this week said he has been notified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) that some 300 travel trailers and 100 mobile homes now staged in Selma, Alabama, are being moved to South Mississippi for Hurricane Katrina victims who have lost their homes.


Lott said he has been advised that FEMA plans to start processing applicants for the temporary homes as early as Wednesday, September 7.

The announcement follows the Senator's Monday appeal to President Bush to authorize the immediate transport of available trailers staged outside the Katrina disaster area. Lott

lost his own home in the storm.

Notice to Sea Coast Echo carriers and employees

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Sea Coast Echo Hurricane Katrina Message Board

Susi Morrison from Casino Magic evacuated to Pace, FL. Have no contact to any officials. If available, I need contact with the Post Office. If not, any information regarding forwarding mail would be very helpful. I hope your family and friends are safe and I am thinking of everybody. Sorry I cannot be there to help.

God Bless all of you,
Susi Morrison

I am a close friend of Sister Claudia Murphy, formerly of Bay St. Louis, who lives in a nursing home in Jackson, Mississippi. I told her that I would see if I could locate her sister-in-law Betty Murphy and Betty's son Chuck Murphy (who is in need of medication). Both lived in Bay St. Louis.

Sister Claudia is the daughter of the late Charles Murphy and has most of her family in your area. I just wanted to leave my e-mail address as a contact # for her since so many cell phones are out of service. pmeredith288@aol.com

If you can suggest other people to contact, I will. God bless you and your family. The coastal residents are in our prayers.

Sincerely,
Patti Meredith

Hello,
We have a mother here in Coker, AL (Regina Courtney) who is looking for her son Christopher Courtney. They were separated shortly after the storm and she has not been able to contact them since. If anyone has heard from him or know of how to contact local shelters, etc. please email us or call us at 205 339-1967. She is currently staying at Lake Lurleen State Park in Coker, AL and is okay. Thanks so much!
Tracy

I will begin to start a list as we learn of the whereabouts of our fellow rotarians. So far, I have only heard that the following members of the BSL Club

are safe:

Amy Corr
Ellis Cuevas
Randy Ponder
David Mayley
Charlie West
Tim Kellar

I will be emailing everyone from our roster with in hope of receiving word back of their location and safety. I have received communication from RI and they are planning to bring supplies and aid to all areas devastated by Hurricane Katrina.
Debbie Vernon Scott
828/883-2626

If you have any information on Billie Gene Carter, he lives in Bay St. Louis. He had 3 daughters, a son, and other family that are worried, we have not heard from him to date,,if you have any information, please, forward to visualicon@webtv.com or bojo_85018@yahoo.com, god bless.

Mitchell Carter

I am looking for my

nephew that was in Bay St. Louis, James Nathan Shamblin, is there any list of survivors or list of those that didn't survive the area somewhere, on-line? The internet has so many websites that the family doesn't know where to begin. I would like to know if there is a central collection of names somewhere within your area that I can call possibly if you have any temporary lines in place. Your area was hit so hard and it seems as if the press has looked pass Bay St. Louis. Any information or tips would absolutely be greatly appreciated.

Thanks so much, Sheila Cruise

My name is Gail and I am in Dublin, Ga. I would like to volunteer my time to help and help house a family with children that is in need of stability. My mother would also like to offer her camp house to an elderly couple or person in need. We don't know how to call or get in touch with the correct people. Please do not direct

me to red cross or other relief. I'm hoping by email contact, someone has a family or friend they know that we can and need our help.

Thank You
Gail McCant

To all citizens of Waveland, Bay St. Louis and the entire Gulf Coast,

Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of pain and sorrow and we want you to know that the entire country is watching and praying for you.

I have close ties to the area as Dr. William L. Powell of Kiln in my younger brother. We have not slept for 3 days and just found out a short time ago that he and his family survived the ordeal.

As a previous resident of the Gulf Coast please know that we are feeling your pain and are making arrangements to come to the coast and help in any way with the recovery.

We continue to monitor the situation and will be there soon.

To Dr. Bill and his family, we love you, miss you and if you need anything, please contact us. God be with you.

Sincerely,
Dr. H.B. Powell Jr.
Salem, MO.

My name is Damian Dorsey. I am in the United States Navy. I live in

Erie, PA and my in-law's live in Waveland, MS. They did not leave the Waveland-Bay St. Louis area for the hurricane. Their names are Denise Crouse, Chris Moore, Dawn Richards, and Casey Crosby. Nobody in our family has heard from them since Sunday night. Can you please help us find our family. You can reach us by e-mail or phone. Our numbers are 814-864-9320, 814-440-3248, and 814-440-3345. Our e-mail address is damian.dorsey@navy.mil. Any bit of information about the whereabouts of my family will be greatly appreciated.

Very Respectfully,
Damian and Tiffany Dorsey
814-440-3248

Recovery

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piecemeal. ... We're going to get business started back up and get the economy rolling."

In fact, Kellar said, the county has come a long way in just a few short days since the storm.

Mississippi Power has restored electricity to about 50 percent of its customers in Bay St. Louis and Waveland; and Coast Electric has restored about 15 percent county-wide. Last Saturday, most predicted that power wouldn't be restored earlier than two months from now.

Most of the major streets county-wide have been cleared for travel, and mobile hospitals and food distribution points have been established. Truckloads of relief supplies are also arriving almost hourly from the U.S. Air Force, Army, Marines and church, civic and charitable organizations nation-wide.

Kellar said that the county will set up a "one-stop shopping" disaster relief point at K-Mart parking lot, where Hancock residents may file for disaster unemployment assistance, FEMA assistance, and Medicare and Medicaid.

County employees may pick up their paychecks on Friday at the EOC and cash them on-site. Although some county employees may be worried about their jobs, Kellar said, "we've got plenty of work for folks," and they can report to the EOC when they come to pick up their paychecks.

County employees who have evacuated the area and may not be able to come back to work for some time, "as long as they've got comp time, as long as they've got vacation time," they'll be paid.

Although most of the eastern side of the interior of the county courthouse was destroyed by Katrina, cleanup efforts have already begun and mobile units will be placed around the courthouse for every county office until the renovations are complete, Kellar said.

Other vital information:

* A curfew remains in effect for all of Hancock County from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m.
* Natural gas has been shut off throughout Hancock County because of leaks. If you smell gas, call 911.
* There are Mobile

Health Centers at:

- Waveland Health Department
- Old Health Department at 90 and Longfellow
- Sav-a-center

* There are Mobile Feeding Units serving hot meals at:

- Fred's parking lot in Waveland. They are equipped to serve 2,000 meals per day. Breakfast 7 - 9 a.m. Lunch 12 - 2 p.m. Dinner 5 - 7 p.m.

- K-Mart parking lot. Christian Life Church is equipped to feed over 2,000 meals per day. Breakfast 7 - 9 a.m. Lunch 12 - 2 p.m. Dinner 5 - 7 p.m.

- Winn Dixie parking lot is set up to feed 300 to 400 meals. Breakfast 7 - 9 a.m. Lunch 12 - 2 p.m. Dinner 5 - 7 p.m.

- Bayou Talla Fellowship Church, 18555 Hwy. 43 will be feeding 400 people per day. Breakfast 7 - 9 a.m. Lunch 12 - 2 p.m. Dinner 5 - 7 p.m.

* A Family Assistance Center for reporting missing persons is now open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in front of Hancock County Medical Center. Counselors with the American Red Cross will be available as well.

The

American Red Cross is launching a web site and hotline to help assist family members who are seeking new about loved ones living in the path of Hurricane Katrina. You can visit the "Family Links Registry" at www.Redcross.com or call 1-800-LOVED-1S to register.

* Free tetanus shots are available at the K-Mart parking lot.

* Location of information boards

1. Hancock North Central Elementary School, inside on established board - 6122 Cuevas Rd., Kiln.

2. East Hancock - 4221 Kiln-Delisle Rd., Kiln.

3. Senior Center - Bookter St., Bay St. Louis.

4. Old EOC - 306 Hwy. 90, Bay St. Louis.

5. Bay Bridge - Hwy. 90.

6. Second Street Elementary School - 400 North Second St., Bay St. Louis.

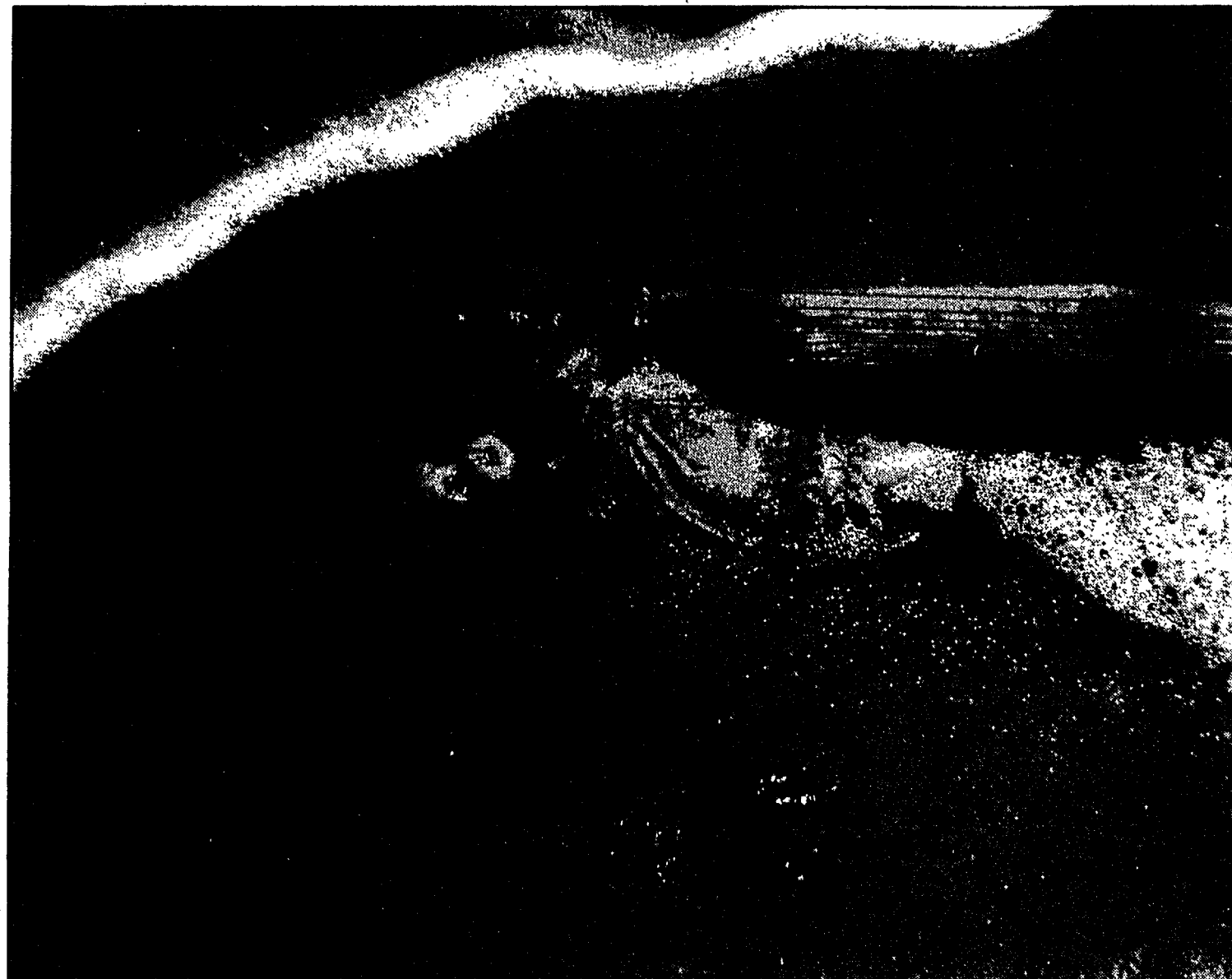
7. Hancock Hospital - Near Guard Post.

8. Bay High School, inside - 750 Blue Meadow Rd., Bay St. Louis.

9. Pearllington Fire Department - 16116 Washington St., Pearllington.

We can build it better. We have to do it together, though. We can't do it piecemeal.

- Tim Kellar
Chancery Clerk



A baby doll lies washed up among the rubble on the beach at the foot of DeMontluzin.

Echo staff photo by Jace Ponder

Schools -- scheduling

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The Bay High gym was the location of hundreds of refugees in the immediate aftermath of Katrina.

According to Kim Stansy, Superintendent of Education for the Bay St. Louis-Waveland School District, many of the people who were there had been moved to the Second Street School. Others have been relocated to other shelters.

"We're working on reopening and assessing what needs to be done," said

Stansy. "Tuesday was an organizing day for us and we're hopeful things will progress well."

Employees of the Bay St. Louis-Waveland School District may pick up their pay checks at the Bay St. Louis Police Department at 310 Old Spanish Trail Road. The checks will be available between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. and between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. through Saturday, September 10.

In the Hancock County

School District, where some of the school campuses are currently being used as points of distribution for the relief effort, Superintendent of Education David Kopf is hoping that classes can begin by the end of this month.

"The Board of Education met Monday and passed a resolution to contract through Roy Anderson...."

Many parents are not waiting though. Schools throughout the state and

southeast United States are taking students who are displaced due to Katrina. According to a recent report, outside school districts are able to admit the students without shot records, birth certificates and other records by listing them as homeless.

Colleges throughout the country are also taking in students from the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Several colleges and universities are waiving tuition charges.

Mailed Social Security and disability checks can be picked up in Gulfport

BY JOHN FEW
Staff Writer

Through rain, sleet, wind or snow the mail must go through. Well...almost. Residents of Hancock County who are expecting Social Security, disability and other first and third of the month checks can now pick them up at the Larkin Smith Post Office in Gulfport.

The checks will be available Tuesday through Thursday between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. A photo identifi-

cation of the recipient is required. Shuttle Service will be available to transport check recipients to the Larkin Smith Post Office. The shuttle will be making pick-ups starting at 9 a.m. at the emergency shelters at East Hancock Elementary School, Hancock North Central, Senior Center on Bookter Street and Second Street Elementary School.

The shuttle will also pick up along Lower Bay Road at Gulfview School, Pearllington Fire Station,

Oak Harbor, Highway 604. In Lakeshore at Central Avenue, Lakeshore Road, Beach Blvd. and Clermont Road. In Bayside Park at the clubhouse.

In Waveland, pickups will be along Highway 90 to the Bay Bridge at Highway 90 and Highway 603, corner of Highway 90 and Nicholson. Also, from Waveland to Kiln, Highway 603 north to Highway 53, Dolly's, Kiln-Delisle Road, Dedeaux Community Center and Farve's Restaurant.

In Kiln, the pick up locations will be at the Bayou Tella Church and the Dixieland Feed Store. In Diamondhead, it will be the Diamondhead POA office, Diamondhead Country Club, Diamondhead water tower. Exact pickup times have not been determined and wait times could be lengthy. Riders should be at the pickup locations after 9 a.m. Look for a yellow school bus with a "Larkin Smith" sign in the front window.

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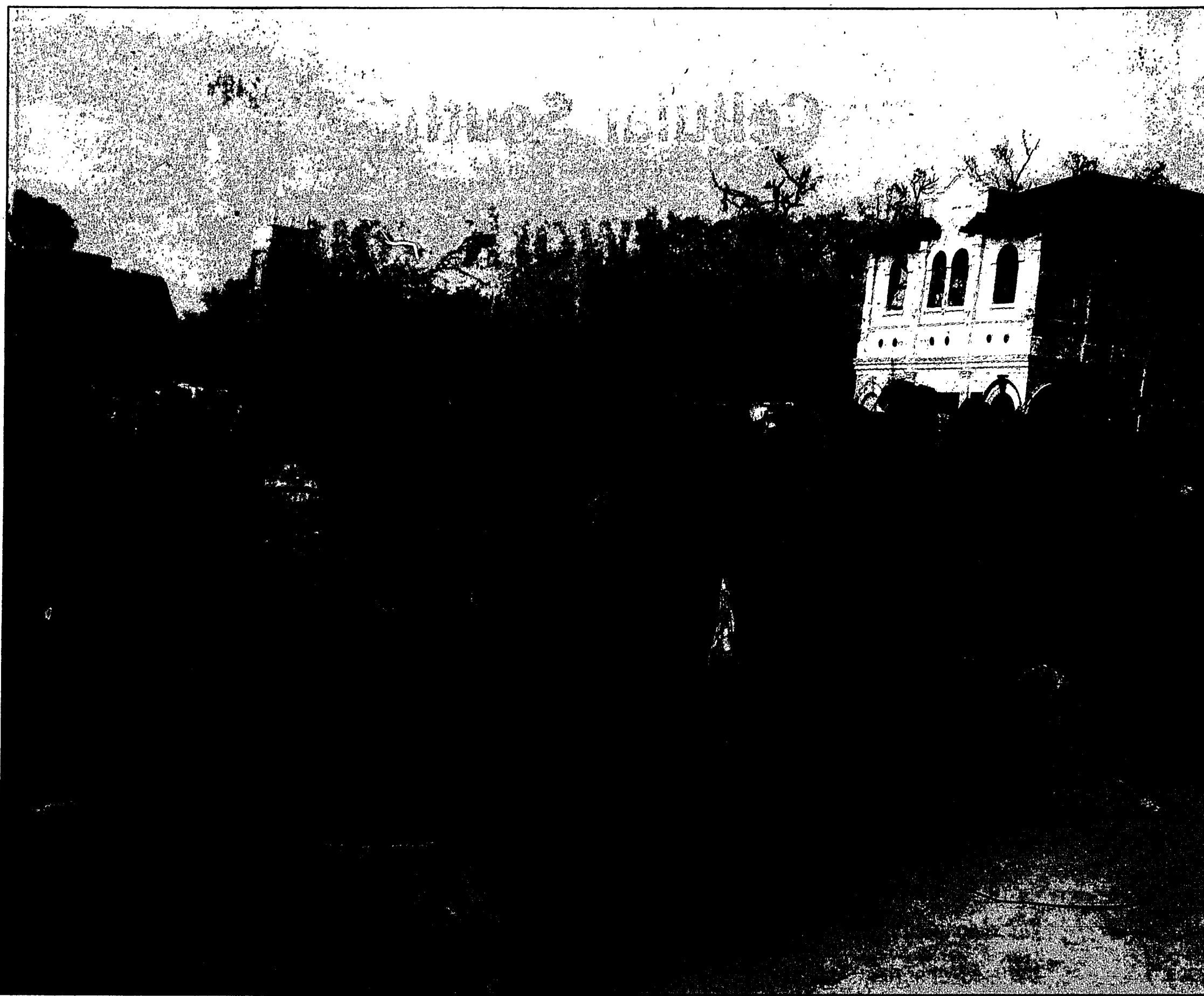
Free calls and phone charging can also be made at varying tent locations along the Mississippi Gulf Coast.



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Hurricane can't dampen people's spirits



Old Glory adorns a twisted remnant of the railroad tracks at Beach Blvd. in Bay St. Louis in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

Echo staff photos by Randy Ponder



A Red Cross helicopter from the 249th Medical lands behind the Pearlington Fire Department on Wednesday, Sept. 7. Members of the 3rd Battalion 124th Infantry Florida National Guard stationed out Chipley, FL, unload the water and MREs.



After Hurricane Katrina, the second floor of O'Dwyer Realty on Beach Blvd. in downtown Bay St. Louis looks like a display room while the first floor is completely gutted. The pictures still hang straight on the walls.

Echo staff photos by Randy Ponder

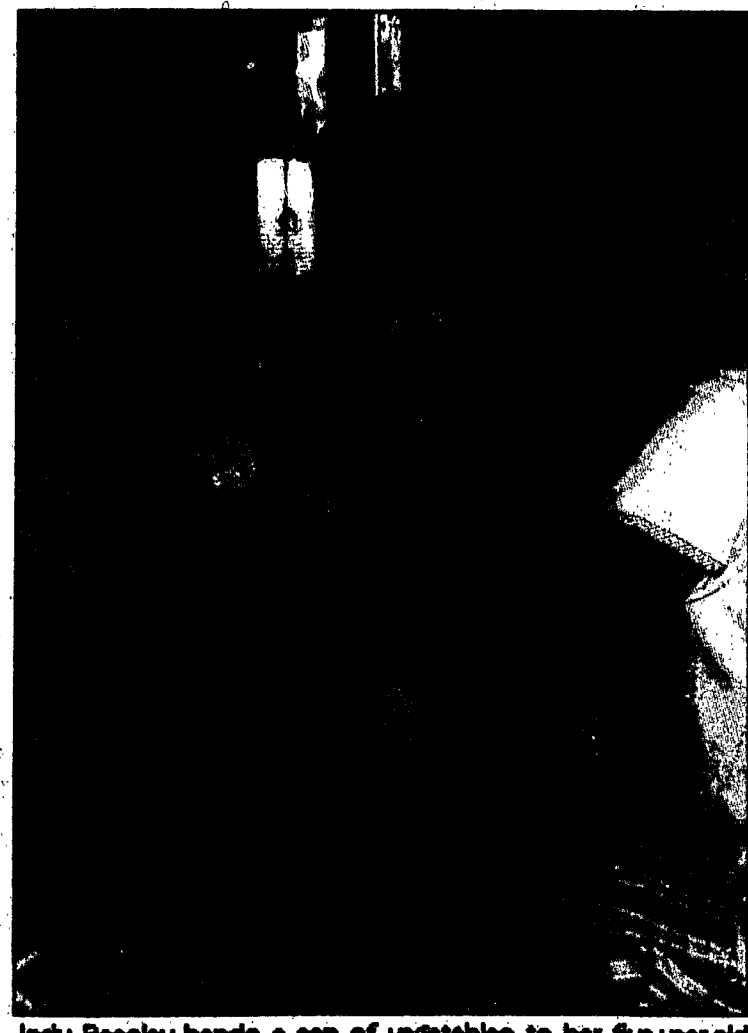


A Hancock County resident washes in a broken water main in Bayou Caddy at the end of Beach Blvd.

Echo staff photos
by Jace Ponder



On September 4, a flag flies over what remains of the Waveland City Hall on Coleman Ave.



Jody Beasley hands a can of vegetables to her five-year-old daughter Tommie Lynn Beasley at Davis Family Grocery in Bayside Park. Hurricane Katrina destroyed all they owned.

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